SUMTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

SUBJECT:	Consideration of request, by Mr.	deration of request, by Mr. Clyde Hunt, to improve an Earthen Dike/Culverts					
	located on his property near CR 650 (Staff recommends denial of request).						
REQUESTED	ACTION: Deny request due to proposed project location being on private						
property, which serves no public interest.							
	☐ Work Session (Report Only)	DATE OF MEETING:	12/29/2009				
	Regular Meeting	Special Meeting					
CONTRACT:	N/A	Vendor/Entity:					
	Effective Date:	Termination Date:					
	Managing Division / Dept:						
BUDGET IMPACT: Approximately \$15,000 plus engineering and permitting expenses							
Annual	FUNDING SOURCE: County Transportation Tru		on Trust				
☐ Capital	EXPENDITURE ACCOUN	T: 103-340-541-3100					
		103-340-541-4600					
□ N/A							

HISTORY/FACTS/ISSUES:

The attached request from Mr. Hunt is for Sumter County to extend existing culverts located under his earthen dike and widen appurtenant roadway.

Background:

- 1. The property under review is a ten acre tract located in southwest Sumter County approximately one mile west of U.S. 301 and one half mile south of CR 650 (see attached maps).
- 2. The site under review is totally on private property; there is an easement (attached) granted to Mr. Hunt in 2005 providing for access to his property across the dike; the County is not a party to this easement agreement.
- 3. It has been recited by a retired Public Works employee (who worked on the site and was involved in installation of the original culverts), that in 1998, after high seasonal rainfall caused standing water in the vicinity, Sumter County installed six culverts in a wetland area on the property under discussion. The desired impact was to enable high water to flow more quickly to the west, beyond I-75, and eventually to the Withlacoochee River.
- **4.** Two of the six culverts were installed under a dike on the north side of Mr. Hunt's property adjacent to a small pond approximately two acres in size. The dike also serves as a narrow, unimproved road that provides for movement of Mr. Hunt's equipment and access to his property.

Mr. Hunt's Request:

- 1. Mr. Hunt wishes to widen the dike and unimproved road on the north side of his property and extend the existing culverts approximately 30 feet. He wishes for the County to conduct the work and expend the funds necessary to complete the project.
- 2. SWFWMD staff has viewed the project site and the proposed work. They indicate that a permit will be required for the proposed project.
- 3. County Public Works staff estimates the cost of completing the proposed project (manpower, materials and equipment) to be between \$12,000 and \$15,000. This estimate does not include the cost of engineering the project and obtaining the SWFWMD permit.